

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Application No.: 09/728,435

Examiner: Andrew T. Piziali

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Group Art Unit: 1775

For: HAZE-RESISTANT TRANSPARENT FILM STACK

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Applicants submit this Election responsive to the Office Action dated June 16, 2002 and mailed on June 18, 2002.

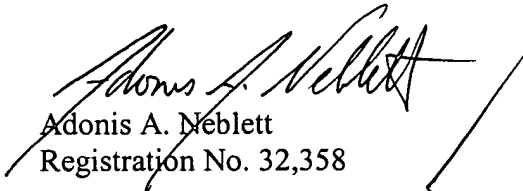
The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and has designated two group of claims as follows: Group I (Claims 1-39), drawn to a coating on a substrate; and Group II (Claims 40-45), drawn to a method of forming a coated glass article. Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I as designated by the Examiner, comprising Claims 1-39.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that no serious burden on the Examiner exists. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, it must be examined on the merits even though it includes claims directed to

distinct or independent invention. M.P.E.P § 803. Applicants submit that substantially similar or convergent searches would be required for the claims of Group I and Group II, since the steps of the process as claimed in Group II include depositing the layers of the coating claimed in Group I. Therefore, the subject matter of Groups I and II are believed sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group would encompass a search for the subject matter of both groups. To avoid duplicative examination by the Patent Office and unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of all the claims, not just those of Group I.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the event there is any question concerning this Election.

Respectfully submitted,



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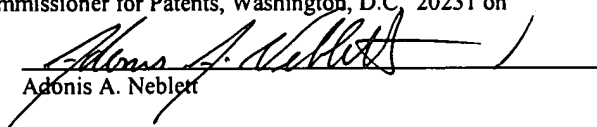
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